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Mr. Todd M. Wallace
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Dear Mr. Wallace:

In these austere financial times, EPA understands that states may face difficulties trying to fund attendance of staff at EPA-sponsored training and workshops. However, one of the requirements of the hazardous waste and underground storage tank programmatic cooperative agreements between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is the need for state program staff to keep informed and up to date about the latest EPA program guidance and policies. Training and meetings such as the RCRA Inspector Workshop, the LUST Technical Workshop, and the RCRA Corrective Action Workshop provide an ideal forum for state counterparts to gather and interact with each other on topics of mutual interest.

Because attendance is a grant requirement, EPA expects that PADEP will send a suitable number of attendees to all EPA regional and national workshops and meetings. Since non-travel cost associated with state attendance at these workshops is already incorporated in the RCRA Section 3011 (Hazardous Waste) cooperative agreement, the LUST Prevention cooperative agreement, and the LUST Corrective Action cooperative agreement through in-kind services, and travel is already a line item in all three cooperative agreements, no additional state funds beyond the statutory match are required.

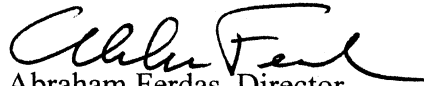
At this time, the following meetings/conferences are scheduled:

- RCRA Corrective Action Conference and Workshop – November 8-10 – Rocky Gap, MD.
- LUST Technical Conference – Fall 2011 – Delaware (exact location not yet determined)
- RCRA Inspector Workshop – April 2011 – West Virginia (exact location not yet determined)



EPA appreciates the economic hardships and difficulties PADEP is encountering during these troubled economic times. We will continue to work to do whatever we can to not increase PADEP's financial burden any more than is necessary to fulfill mandatory grant and program requirements.

Sincerely,

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Abraham Ferdas, Director
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